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**Inter-African: Mandela To Meet OAU Chairman
To Discuss Ghali's Reelection**

*MB1507163296 Johannesburg Channel Africa Radio
in English 1500 GMT 15 Jul 96*

[FBIS Transcribed Text] It has been announced in Paris that President Nelson Mandela will visit Cameroon on Wednesday [17 July] on his way back to South Africa to meet President Paul Biya, who is also the chairman of the Organization of African Unity. President Mandela has been on state visits to Britain and France. President Mandela will meet President Biya at the airport at Yaounde. It is understood that the two men might discuss plans to [word indistinct] support for the United Nations secretary general, Dr. Butrus-Butrus Ghali in his quest for a second term of office.

**Inter-African: SADC Parliamentary Forum Starts
in Namibia**

*MB1507144596 Johannesburg SAPA in English
1248 GMT 15 Jul 96*

[FBIS Transcribed Text] WINDHOEK July 15 SAPA
— The Southern African Development Community

[SADC] launched its Parliamentary Forum in Windhoek on Monday.

The forum aims to strengthen democracy and promote regional development and integration through greater public participation. Initiated by Namibian Speaker Dr Mose Tjitendero in 1993, the forum will have 36 members, three from each SADC country. Its headquarters will be in Windhoek and members will meet two or three times a year.

Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe make up the 12 SADC member states.

Burundi**Burundi: Students Demonstrate Against Foreign Military Intervention***EA1507214796 Bujumbura Radio-Television Nationale du Burundi Radio in French 1800 GMT 15 Jul 96*

[FBIS Translated Text] The Arusha meeting which discussed the military and technical assistance which is today referred to as military cooperation aimed at ending violence in our country is far from being unanimously accepted. Today thousands of city students and pupils demonstrated in the capital's streets. They contested the Arusha clauses and the facilitators of the talks. One unidentified demonstrator had this to say:

[Begin recording] The demonstration we organized today [words indistinct] aims at expressing our rejection of and opposition to the foreign intervention and the facilitators. This is to show we are ready to be enrolled in the Burundian Army. As for the Arusha clauses, we are very surprised to see military authorities among the signatories as the Burundian Army continues to fight. This is inconceivable in that the Burundian Army has not yet capitulated. I think another solution should be found. Instead of going to Arusha, Mwanza or Yaounde, a solution should be found in Bujumbura. [end recording]

Chad**Chad: Air Staff Chief Dismissed; National Guard Head Promoted***AB1607094896 Ndjamenia Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne in French 1900 GMT 15 Jul 96*

[FBIS Translated Text] The president of the Republic signed two decrees today terminating the appointment of the chief of air staff and promoting the commander of the National Guard and the Chadian EMAD [expansion unknown].

The first decree terminates the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel (Aman Dedeher Laikouba) as chief of air staff. The second decree stipulates that (Mahamat Senka Benagita), commander of the National Guard and EMAD of Chad is promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

The minister of Armed Forces, the minister of interior, and the minister of finance are responsible for implementing these two decrees which take effect from the date of their signature. They will be recorded and published in the Gazette of the Republic.

Signed in Ndjamenia on 2 July 1996

By Idriss Deby, president of the Republic of Chad

Zaire**Zaire: Minister Takes Newspaper to Court on Libel Charges***AB1507205996 Libreville Africa No. 1 in French 1215 GMT 15 Jul 96*

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] In Zaire, the REFERENCE PLUS newspaper has been taken to court on libelous charges by the youth, sports, and leisure minister, who is not happy about an article published by the weekly. However, the paper's editorial team says it is determined to see the right to information become reality in the country. Kamanda wa Kamanda Muzembe reports from Kinshasa.

[Begin Muzembe recording] Kia Kimunsi Kisombe, minister of youth, sports, and leisure, is asking the court not to allow bail to journalist Yam Boula considering the seriousness of the matter and for fear the accused might escape. Kisombe is also claiming damages of about \$500,000 to be paid by the reporter who wrote the offending article and his employer, REFERENCE PLUS. The news was confirmed by judicial sources and published by the newspaper itself. The youth and sports minister's complaint, which was filed at the Kasavubu civil court, is in reaction to an article published in the columns of REFERENCE PLUS. In the article, we repeated rumors alleging the embezzlement of funds allocated for preparing athletes selected for the Olympic Games, the paper's editorial team says, adding that it mentioned at the end of the same article some news broadcast on Zaire Television that the situation had been normalized to enable the Zairian delegation to go to Atlanta. [passage omitted] [end recording]

South Africa: Police Report 1 Minor Injury in Blast at ANC Headquarters

MB1507200596 Johannesburg SAPA in English
2002 GMT 15 Jul 96

[FBIS Transcribed Text] JOHANNESBURG July 15 SAPA — A blast rocked the African National Congress headquarters in central Johannesburg on Monday night, injuring a man and damaging the building's glass doors.

Police spokesman Supt Chris Wilken told SAPA at the scene that shortly before the blast, at about 8.20pm, a minibus pulled up near the Shell House building. A man got out and walked towards the building, then ran back to the vehicle. The minibus, with three occupants, then sped from the scene at 51 Plein Street. Wilken said it had no registration plates.

Wilken said the type of device was not immediately known. Police cordoned off the area. Bomb disposal experts were combing the scene and checking in case there were any other explosive devices.

Wilken said a man walking past the across the road from Shell House had been slightly injured in the leg and was taken to hospital.

Wilken said the motive for the attack was not known.

A Honda Ballade parked outside the ANC offices had a window blown out and windows of a supermarket across the road were shattered.

South Africa: ANC Spokesman Comments on Blast at ANC Headquarters

MB1507205396 Johannesburg SAPA in English
2031 GMT 15 Jul 96

[FBIS Transcribed Text] A SAPA correspondent who was on the scene shortly after the blast quoted ANC security men Hamilton Ludkidi and George Baloyi as saying they smelled something suspicious on the ground floor and went to investigate.

Moments later the blast went off.

The damaged car belongs to ANC member Staff Sithole who was about to stick posters of a forthcoming meeting on the outside of the building. Sithole told our correspondent she parked the car a few minutes before the explosion.

Another witness, who would not be named, said the blast sounded like a gun firing.

ANC spokesman Carl Nichaus said of the attack: "We very strongly condemn it. We hope that those responsible will be brought to book as soon as possible," he said.

Supt Wilken said about 15 or 20 minutes after the explosion, someone called the police's 10111 emergency number and said another blast would occur at the Hekro building on the corner of Eloff and De Villiers Street. Wilken said the building was an office block which also housed offices used by the police. He said by late last night there were no reports of a blast at the Hekro building.

Wilken said the policeman who took the call estimated the voice to belong to a black man aged in his mid thirties.

South Africa: IFP Condemns Attack on ANC Headquarters

MB1607084096 Johannesburg SAPA in English
0719 GMT 16 Jul 96

[FBIS Transcribed Text] JOHANNESBURG July 16 SAPA—The Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) has condemned Monday's hand-grenade attack on the African National Congress headquarters in Johannesburg.

"The IFP condemns with contempt the cowardly attack on the headquarters of the ANC at Shell House," IFP MP (Member of Parliament) Hennie Bekker said in a statement on Tuesday. "The IFP trusts and hopes that the culprits will soon be apprehended and dealt with appropriately in court."

Becker said South Africa had for a long time experienced relative peace — in particular an absence of bomb and hand-grenade attacks.

He called for South Africans to stand together to avoid the country "slipping back into the abyss of the past."

The ANC said witnesses saw two men in a white kombi [minivan] drive past the building and throw an explosive device, which denoted on the pavement in front of the main entrance of the building.

South Africa: National Party Condemns Attack on ANC Headquarters

MB1607090696 Johannesburg SAPA in English
0832 GMT 16 Jul 96

[FBIS Transcribed Text] CAPE TOWN July 16 SAPA—The National Party (NP) "rejected with loathing" Monday night's hand-grenade attack on the African National Congress headquarters at Shell House in Johannesburg, it said on Tuesday.

This was exactly the kind of incident that South Africa could no longer afford, the party said in a statement.

NP policy was very clear in this regard: "We reject any form of violence, especially for political purposes. There

are other ways and means of dealing with dissatisfaction or grievances."

The authorities should investigate the incident with the necessary devotion to bring the perpetrators to book, the NP statement said.

South Africa: ANC — Possible 'Third Force' Link to Attack on Headquarters

*MB1607093096 Johannesburg SAPA in English
0924 GMT 16 Jul 96*

[FBIS Transcribed Text] JOHANNESBURG July 16 SAPA—There was a strong possibility that "third force elements" could be linked to Monday night's hand grenade attack on the African National Congress headquarters in Johannesburg, ANC Deputy Secretary-General Cheryl Carolus said on Tuesday.

"At this stage the motives for the attack are unclear. However it took place against the background of a number of statements being made by former police force members and a few serving members that could help create a climate conducive for such heinous deeds," Carolus told a media briefing in Johannesburg.

She was referring to claims by several policeman that the ANC was not giving its full co-operation in the police investigation into the "Shell House shooting" on March 28, 1994, in which eight Zulu marchers were shot dead outside the ANC building.

"These statements could be viewed as an effort to deter the ANC from pursuing the real masterminds behind the abortive 1994 attack on ANC headquarters."

Carolus called on the attorney-general to finalise its resolution on the case. "We are not impressed with the way the attorney-general's office has handled the matter."

South Africa: DP Links ANC Headquarters Attack to 1994 Shootings

*MB1607095896 Johannesburg SAPA in English
0853 GMT 16 Jul 96*

[FBIS Transcribed Text] JOHANNESBURG July 16 SAPA—The Democratic Party (DP) on Tuesday suggested Monday night's hand grenade attack on the African National Congress headquarters in Johannesburg was the work of disgruntled people.

DP spokesman Peter Leon said several people were becoming unhappy and impatient about the lack of progress made in the investigation into the Shell House shootings, SABC radio news reported.

On March 28, 1994, more than 50 people were killed — eight of them outside the ANC headquarters — during

a Zulu march through Johannesburg in support of King Goodwill Zwelithini.

South Africa: U.S. Testing of S. African Mine Clearance System Reported

*MB1607064996 Johannesburg SAPA in English
0329 GMT 16 Jul 96*

[Report by Neil Lurssen]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] WASHINGTON July 16 SAPA—With the worldwide problem of landmine clearance given new urgency by the dangerous situation facing NATO troops and civilians in Bosnia, the U.S. Army is moving ahead with its testing of South Africa's Chubby system, whose advanced technology may meet the needs of the American armed forces. The Chubby — a mobile landmine detection system developed by Dorbyl/RSD of Boksburg — successfully completed the first phase of the Army's testing program last year. The Army recently gave approval for the second phase, a six-week testing programme which has already started at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, where the Pentagon tries to find out whether potential systems will work well under tough field conditions. Phase two includes testing the survivability of the Chubby vehicle over different explosive devices and seeing how it performs in various terrains. Leading the team demonstrating the South African equipment is Mr. Japie van Vuuren, marketing manager of Dorbyl/RSD. With him are representatives of the New York company, LNY Sales, Inc. According to a spokesman for LNY, the second phase will evaluate the entire system not only in survivability and performance but also in logistical support and the speed with which it can be repaired. The hazards facing United Nations peacekeeping forces in Bosnia as well as the dangers posed by minefields in other areas of Europe, Asia and Southern Africa has led to calls for a speed-up in research and development of anti-mine systems. A panel of the U.S. House of Representatives committee on national security has added to the pressure, calling on the military to speed matters up. According to one authoritative estimate, there are 85-million uncleared landmines in Europe and the Far East alone, and they kill about 1,250 people a month. Promoters of the Chubby say it is the most viable system available for dealing with the landmine problem.

South Africa: Modise's Call for Arms Said Threatening Democracy in Region

*MB1507151196 Johannesburg RAPPORT
in Afrikaans 14 Jul 96 p 2*

[FBIS Translated Text] SADC [Southern African Development Community] countries must "arm themselves

to the teeth," says South African Defense Minister Joe Modise. He made the appeal last week at a SADC meeting in Windhoek.

Modise is chairperson of SADC's Interstate Defense and Security Committee. His appeal was immediately played down as ridiculous.

Modise says he supports Botswana's gigantic weapons buildup, which includes the purchase of a large number of tanks and fighter planes. Other countries ought to follow Botswana's example, since the region has a scarcity of minerals that cannot be defended only by South Africa.

Botswana Defense Minister Lieutenant General Ian Khama recently used the ongoing violence in KwaZulu/Natal as an excuse for his country's arms buildup. He was then castigated by President Ketumile Masire.

Modise's remarks immediately elicited sharp rebukes from different quarters. Namibia's opposition party, the DTA [Democratic Turnhalle Alliance], appealed to the international community to dissuade South Africa from its "insane ideas."

The DTA said that Modise's appeal seriously threatens democracy in the southern African region.

South Africa: IFP Official Shabalala Defies Party Orders To Resign

MB1507145396 Johannesburg SAfm Radio Network in English 1400 GMT 15 Jul 96

[FBIS Transcribed Text] Suspended IFP [Isakatha Freedom Party] Lindelani leader and KwaZulu/Natal MPL [member of the provincial Legislature], Mandla Shabalala, has vowed to defy a party decision to bar him from holding an official party position for two years. Mr. Shabalala is also adamant that he would not resign from the KwaZulu/Natal Legislature.

In response, IFP spokesman Themba Nzimande said Mr. Shabalala's comments were a cheap political gimmick. The party suspended Mr. Shabalala after he was implicated in violence that resulted in the torching of three buses at the Lindelani settlement north of Durban earlier this year.

South African Press Review for 15 Jul
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[FBIS Report]

THE STAR

OAU Missed Opportunity — The OAU's decision to endorse United Nations' Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali for a second term is "a sad measure of Africa's inability to think creatively," declares a page 12 editorial in Johannesburg THE STAR in English on 15 July. Everyone, "including the Americans who like to run the show" acknowledges that Africa is due a second term candidate, so why hasn't the OAU leaped at the "window of opportunity" and endorsed someone? Despite a great deal of time being devoted to this issue at the OAU summit, there were few signs that the debate between African Leaders "was a rich one" because great leaders like UN head of peacekeeping, Kofi Annan of Ghana were looked over. "Boutros-Ghali was the easy, contentious African option. We mean that the Americans dominate our lives, so why not call their bluff and come up with a spectacular candidate?" The "U for Unity just never happened in a significant way."

SOWETAN

Justice Department Needs To Coordinate Their Efforts — It is "a shame" that the highly-publicized crack down on criminals by Police Commissioner George Fivaz has "failed to serve its purpose", states a 15 July Johannesburg SOWETAN page 8 editorial in English, because in the end, "law-abiding South Africans are the losers and criminals are the winners." When Fivaz announced his plan to track down and arrest 10,000 criminals, it had the backing of the Cabinet, but the Correctional Services ministry and Justice department "did not have their acts together" and released criminals back onto the streets. Correctional Services spokesmen said "they had no place in their jails to keep prisoners. What utter rubbish! They should have prepared themselves for the task at hand."

Angola

Angola: Moose Visit Said To Expedite dos Santos, Savimbi Summit

*MB1607081896 Jamba Voz da Resistencia do Galo
Negro in Portuguese 0600 GMT 16 Jul 96*

[FBIS Translated Text] Yet another summit between Dr. Jonas Malheiro Savimbi, president of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola [UNITA], and President Jose Eduardo dos Santos will take place after the third special UNITA congress scheduled for August 1996. This issue was expedited by the 4-day visit of George Moose, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs, to Angola. Moose said the Angolan Government and UNITA must discuss modalities for the formation of a government of unity and national reconciliation. Moose left Angola pleased with his talks with UNITA and government.

Meanwhile, Moose also reiterated Washington's commitment to the Angolan peace process, noting that the November elections in the United States will not have any adverse impact on the Angolan peace process, because both Democrats and Republicans share the same stand.

Angola: UNITA Says Quartered Troops Live in 'Appalling' Conditions

*MB1507145096 Jamba Voz da Resistencia do Galo
Negro in Portuguese 1200 GMT 15 Jul 96*

[FBIS Translated Text] The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola [UNITA] Army General Staff is still concerned about the appalling living conditions of its soldiers and their families in some assembly areas such as in Cameia, Moxico Province; Licua, Cuando Cubango Province; and Catala, Malanje Province. Our correspondent Alberto Chinjungue reports:

Conditions in the UNITA assembly area in Catala, Malanje Province, are very bad, contrary to what was pledged by the UN Angola Verification Mission-3 [Unavem-3] and the Humanitarian Assistance Coordination Unit, UCAH. Food conditions are very poor as soldiers are receiving spoiled mealie meal and fish. Promises by Unavem-3 to provide the Catala assembly area with complete kitchen equipment have not been fulfilled. Each family of quartered soldiers is receiving 6 kg of beans and 4 kg of corn per month, regardless of its size. The Catala assembly area is also affected by malaria, meningitis, and tuberculosis and lacks medicine. Unavem-3 has been informed of the situation but has not done anything to improve the situation. Colonel Nganga, commander of UNITA forces in

Catala, says 15 soldiers and a number of children have died due to the situation.

Angola: UNITA Team to Constitutional Talks To Return to Luanda

*MB1607083096 Jamba Voz da Resistencia do Galo
Negro in Portuguese 0600 GMT 16 Jul 96*

[FBIS Translated Text] The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola [UNITA] team that has been reviewing Angola's Constitution could return to Luanda this week. The proceedings were adjourned a few days ago so that the two sides could hold high-level consultations. UNITA wants executive powers for the two Angolan vice presidents, and feels that the post of prime minister should be abolished.

Angola: UNITA Soldiers Airlifted From Jamba to Licua Assembly Area

*MB1607083196 Jamba Voz da Resistencia do Galo
Negro in Portuguese 0600 GMT 16 Jul 96*

[FBIS Translated Text] The suffering of UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] soldiers waiting in Jamba to be ferried by the United Nations to the Licua Assembly Area is over. The UNITA soldiers and their families were airlifted to Licua by the United Nations on 15 July. A (UN) official responsible for the operation told our correspondent that the United Nations was responsible for delays in quartering UNITA soldiers in Licua. Additional UNITA soldiers are scheduled to be quartered in Lumege and Cameia, Moxico Province.

Lesotho

Lesotho: Prime Minister 'Recovering' in South African Hospital

*MB1507124296 Maseru Radio Lesotho in English
1130 GMT 15 Jul 96*

[FBIS Transcribed Text] The Lesotho Government has announced that the prime minister, the right honorable Dr. Ntsu Mokhehle, is recovering well at a hospital in Bloemfontein, South Africa. The government statement says a Lesotho delegation led by the acting prime minister, Mr. Shakhane Mokhehle, is in Bloemfontein today to wish the prime minister a quick recovery. Other members of the delegation are the minister of trade and industry, Mr. Lira Motete, and the minister of health, Mr. Tefo Mabote.

The statement further warns those who would like to see the prime minister in hospital that he needs a lot of rest to facilitate his recovery, and the hospital will continue to protect him against many visitors who might leave

him little time to rest. It also says that like in a normal situation, anyone who wants to see the prime minister has to make necessary arrangements through the office of the government secretary.

Lesotho: Prime Minister's Health Condition Described as 'Good'

*MB1507144996 Johannesburg SAPA in English
1333 GMT 15 Jul 96*

[FBIS Transcribed Text] MASERU July 15 SAPA — The condition of Lesotho Prime Minister Ntsu Mokhehle, who has been in a Bloemfontein hospital for a week, was on Monday described as good by a Lesotho government official.

Mokhehle's special adviser Tom Thabane told SAPA that the prime minister was admitted to the hospital on 6 July with influenza. He denied Mokhehle was taken to hospital with cardiac problems, and said doctors were impressed with the performance of the pacemaker given to the prime minister last year. Thabane said Mokhehle was now enjoying a well-deserved rest at the Hydromed Hospital.

The doctors' decision as to when Mokhehle would be discharged was being eagerly awaited, he said.

Only the prime minister's wife, children and a few government officials have been allowed to visit Mokhehle.

Concern about Mokhehle's condition was heightened when it was revealed that his admission to the hospital followed a routine check-up on 3 July.

Namibia

Namibia: South Africa's Modise Calls on SADC States To 'Arm' Region

*MB1507115096 Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN
in Afrikaans 9 Jul 96 pp 1, 2*

[Report by Christo Retief: "Modise: Arm Yourselves to the Teeth"]

[FBIS Translated Text] Late yesterday afternoon, Windhoek was the platform from which the South African Defense Minister and the chairman of the SADC's [Southern African Development Community] Inter-State Defense and Security Committee, Joe Modise, called on the 12 SADC member states to arm the region to the teeth.

Mr. Modise's encouragement of a military buildup, and South Africa's welcoming of the massive arms purchases by Botswana, came moments after talks behind closed doors, with his Namibian counterpart Phillemon Malima, during a brief visit to Windhoek.

The call for the strengthening of the military capabilities of the subregion is in direct contrast to the stance adopted by Namibian Prime Minister Hage Geingob who has said that Africa should not spend its money on an arms race while its people go hungry. Geingob made the remark during the visit of the German deputy speaker, Dr. Burkhard Hirsch, and a senior German parliamentary delegation.

Hirsch also announced that Germany will prevent The Netherlands from selling sophisticated tanks to Botswana, as this contravenes the North Atlantic Treaty.

Modise arrived in Windhoek yesterday from Gaborone, Botswana, on a brief visit. At a news conference at the South African High Commission, Modise said the strengthening of military capabilities by individual SADC members ought to be welcomed because the region, rich in mineral wealth, can never be assured of lasting peace.

Modise indirectly appealed for the creation of a Southern African defense force, capable of staving off any possible threat. He says that the defense capabilities of the region should not rest only on South Africa's shoulders.

Replying to a question on Botswana's intention to purchase a large number of tanks from The Netherlands as well as a new generation of fighter aircraft, he stated clearly that South Africa does not view this as a threat.

"No, on the contrary. I encourage it. If it does not happen, if our region is attacked, we are expected to take joint action."

He, however, could not give any indication about the nature or source of any military threat to Botswana, South Africa, or Southern Africa as a whole.

"No one can predict where the threat lies. Any country that attacks us will not notify us prior to the attack. What we are doing in our country is keeping a reserve force, which enables us to defend ourselves if we are attacked, and we are also building up military capabilities if the need exists. I think it will be a mistake to say that this country or that country is planning to attack us," says Modise.

"In other words, there is no visible threat, but we must be prepared, because if we are not prepared, we will not get a second chance. We will be totally destroyed and colonized again."

After it was pointed out to Modise that there is concern among his own generals about the military buildup in Botswana, he described such concern as groundless.

"If there are generals who are concerned, then they are misguided. Those generals still do not understand the purpose of the Interstate Defense and Security Committee. The purpose of that body is to defend the region. I think that those generals ought to be pleased that Botswana, Zambia, and I hope Namibia, and all the others (countries) should equip themselves in such a manner that we can jointly defend ourselves. This is one region with massive mineral wealth — wealth that should be protected," according to Modise.

Namibia: Prime Minister Critical of Hostility to Foreigners

MB1507144796 Johannesburg SAPA in English 1323 GMT 15 Jul 96

[FBIS Transcribed Text] WINDHOEK July 15 SAPA — Namibian Prime Minister Hage Geingob criticised immigration officials for their hostile attitude towards foreigners.

"Our tourists and investors need to feel welcome from the very first point of contact to the last," he said at a Namibian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry banquet in Windhoek at the weekend.

He cited the example of one investor who was asked at immigration why he wanted to invest in Namibia and not in his own country, and then told his investment was not needed. The Namibian reported on Monday. Geingob said while government was trying to make Namibia a favoured destination, foreign investors met a hostile environment when they arrived in the country.

Immigration officials were unfriendly, work permits became a problem and support mechanisms at district, municipality and regional levels created more problems, he said.

The private sector also needed to be sensitive to the needs of the nation. "When potential investors meet their counterparts in the country, they are discouraged rather than encouraged," Geingob said.

The government had already taken steps to promote accountability, performance, productivity and service to the customer. A Public Service Charter would be introduced in due course so that people would know what they could expect from the public service.

Swaziland

Swaziland: New Political Party Formed; Chiefs Invited to Meeting

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[Report by Sibusiso Nkambule]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] The United Freedom Party (UFP) is a Political Party and is geared towards transforming the country to a better one.

This was said yesterday by the President of UFP, Patrick Msibi, in a statement which said that it is high time they come out in the open and explain their existence as a political party.

"The United Freedom Party is a political party with a well-defined set of objectives and goals geared towards the making of a better Swaziland," he said.

He said there is a great need for political changes in the country.

"The developments in the current historical phase of the country warrant that we come out in the open and explain not only the objective of our existence as a party but also a few things which in our view eliminate the doubts engulfing the incumbent powers about the need for positive political change in our country," he said.

He said there are a lot of objectives of UFP which have to be implemented, saying that the above objectives can remain a white elephant without the assistance from the society.

Msibi also announced that they are inviting all chiefs in the Manzini region to a meeting to be held at the Conference Room at the Administration offices in Manzini.

"Should this particular meeting be a success we shall be proceeding to the other regions in the country," he said.

Swaziland: Minister Says Government Losing Millions in Scholarship Vises

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[Report by Sphiwe Dlamini]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] The government is losing millions of Emalangeni in foreign exchange due to high visa fees, in the form of scholarships, that have to be paid by Swazi citizens studying outside the country.

This observation was made by the Minister for Education, Mr. Solomon Dlamini, yesterday, when he officially launched the Institute of Distance Education (IDE) at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA).

The minister said that although his ministry has been getting the lion's share of the national budget, this has not been and is still not adequate to meet the varied needs of education in the country, including the expansion of physical facilities and human resources of the university.

"UNISWA has not been able to keep pace with the high demand for higher education resulting in many Swazi citizens seeking admission into higher education institutions outside Swaziland," he said.

The minister attributed UNISWA's failure to the ever-increasing population growth rate, lack of adequate on-campus facilities, and the conventional approach of offering its programmes and courses.

The occasion was attended by the acting prime minister, Dr. Sishayi Nxumalo; minister for finance, Mr. Derek von Wissell; UNISWA Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Barnabas Dlamini; the director of IDE, Dr. Cisco Magagula; UNISWA lecturers; members of the university Senate; and distance education students.

Mr. Dlamini further said that his job is made more difficult by the fact that there is strong pressure, both locally and internationally, to shift government financial resource from tertiary to primary and secondary education.

"It is in light of the above that my ministry sincerely welcomes and applauds the University's initiative to establish the Institute of Distance Education to cater for high school leavers, working, self-employed, and unemployed people who were unable to come full-time to UNISWA," he added.

The minister also said that IDE has come at a very opportune time, when thousands of Swazis, both young and old, employed, unemployed, and self-employed, are thirsty for higher education.

IDE complements nicely the mission, mandate, and goal of the Education Ministry, which is to open up higher education and provide educational opportunities to all its Swazi citizens.

Swaziland: Acting Premier Notes 'Ripple Effects' of Teachers Strike

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[FBIS Transcribed Text] The acting prime minister, Dr. Sishayi Nxumalo, says ripple effects of the teachers' strike action over salary increment, which ended at the weekend, have spread far beyond the classroom.

In a statement today, Dr. Nxumalo says the strike had a negative effect on potential investors. He says the in-

vestors' perception of Swazi discipline, responsibility, and values has been clouded, but he is pleased that the strike has ended. He congratulates the king for the positive role he played on the strike, and the acting prime minister also thanks the Swazi National Council, parliamentarians, senators, Tinkhundla [Traditional Community Councils] authorities, and school committees. He also thanks teachers for returning to, what he calls, legal channels of communication. He also congratulates civil servants for leading the way back to legality and reason. To pupils, Dr. Nxumalo says they have suffered a lot, but he is pleased with the discipline.

Zambia

Zambia: Ruling Party Reported Ready To Meet With Opposition

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[Report by Reuben Phiri: "MMD Ready for Inter-party Talks" — received via Internet]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] The ruling MMD [Movement for Multiparty Democracy] is now ready for the inter-party talks, the party's national secretary, Minister Without Portfolio Michael Sata, revealed in Lusaka yesterday. Sata said in an interview yesterday that the government was willing to have dialogue with the opposition parties to iron out differences which had arisen on several issues. "Let's have dialogue, but, to avoid what happened last time," Sata said, "we should meet with secretaries of the other parties so that they can indicate what should be included in the agenda."

But opposition Zambia Democratic Congress (ZDC) General Secretary Derrick Chitala maintained his party would only attend the meeting on condition that there was a neutral chairman. "Dialogue is inevitable as a foundation of democracy but we shall not go under duress or in a manner that appears as if we are subservient to the MMD. We are all equal," Chitala said. "The demand from ZDC and all other political parties has always been there. It's them who left the meeting and so it's right that they should come back."

And leading opposition UNIP [United National Independence Party] Vice Secretary for Publicity Pickson Chitambala said the decision was welcome, but subject to confirmation by his party's central committee. "Opposition parties have been asking for this dialogue and are quite ready," Chitambala said in an interview yesterday. "I am sure this applies to other opposition parties."

Liberal Progressive Front Administrator Evans Ngulube also said the talks were welcome, as they had been outstanding for a long time.

The inter-party talks failed to take place in May this year after an impasse, as the MMD insisted President Chiluba chair the meeting while the opposition opted for a neutral person. The government has since been under intense pressure from both the opposition and the international community to concede to dialogue.

And French Ambassador to Zambia Philippe Perrier De La Bathie reminded the government at the French national day on Sunday that "democracy is based on respect for minorities and, unlike opinions, tolerance and mutual dialogue between different social and political groups."

Zambia: Opposition Party Challenges Constitution Act's Legality

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15 Jul 96*

[Report by Sipo Kapumba: "ZDC Challenges Constitution Act;" received via Internet]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] ZDC [Zambia Democratic Congress] has challenged the legality of the recently passed Constitution (Amendment) Act saying it violates Article 79 of the Constitution. ZDC, through its lawyers Simeza and Sangwa Associates, on Thursday [11 July] filed amendments in the Lusaka High Court to the original petition challenging the constitutionality of the amendment bill assented on May 28 by President Frederick Chiluba. ZDC had petitioned the Lusaka High Court in April shortly before the Constitution of Zambia (Amendment) Bill was presented for debate in Parliament challenging its legality, but the Speaker allowed debates to proceed claiming ignorance of the party's petition. In a case which comes up tomorrow before Justice Bobby Bwalya, ZDC is asking the court to declare the Constitution (Amendment) Act null and void because it violates Article 79 of the 1991 Constitution which requires a referendum before enactment of a new constitution.

ZDC on May 28 lost a Supreme Court "academic" appeal in which it sought a stay of presidential assent of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill which was subject to a High Court petition challenging its legality. The Supreme Court, however, directed that the substantive case be heard by the High Court.

Zambia: UNIP To Challenge Proposed Law, Rejects Voter Registration

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15 Jul 96*

[Report by Sipo Kapumba: "UNIP To Fight Electoral Law Changes;" received via Internet]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] UNIP [United National Independence Party] says it will challenge in the courts a proposed amendment to the electoral law which will only require a pastor, chief, or district secretary to confirm the birth place of a presidential candidate or his parents. UNIP Secretary General Sebastian Zulu said at a press briefing in Lusaka yesterday that the proposed amendment, which will be tabled in parliament next month, was intended to save President Frederick Chiluba from being disqualified by the presidential clause amendments. "UNIP will challenge and resist by a court action any such intended legislation designed to save Mr. Chiluba from his own mess," Zulu declared. Zulu criticized Parliament for passing legislation requiring presidential candidates to be second generation Zambians without putting in place a mechanism for proving this.

"This Constitution did not provide a mechanism through which the presidential candidate would satisfy the returning officer, who is the Chief Justice, that he is qualified to stand as president," Zulu said. "Consequently either through malice or through inexcusable ignorance this article was passed which disqualifies both the UNIP and the MMD [Movement for Multiparty Democracy] candidates." Zulu also declared that UNIP had totally rejected the voters registration done by Nikuv Computers of Israel and would not accept election results based on that register. Zulu demanded that this year's elections should be held under the 1991 register because there was no controversy over it. "All the by-elections that have been held so far, including the forthcoming Mongu by-election have been held under the old register," Zulu said, "so we don't see why we can't use the same register for this year's elections."

Zulu also said UNIP would hold primary elections this Saturday [20 July] for the Mongu seat left vacant by the expulsion of former member of parliament Akashambatwa Mbikusita-Lewanika. However, he questioned the wisdom of holding the by-election when Parliament is likely to be dissolved soon afterwards. But MMD national secretary, minister without portfolio Michael Sata, dismissed Zulu's claim that the government planned to amend the electoral legislation. "Did he show you the bill?" Sata asked in an interview yesterday. "It is just speculation and Zulu is suffering from election fever." Sata added: "As a lawyer Zulu should produce evidence,

normally when there is a bill it should be published but there is nothing." And commenting on UNIP's rejection of the 1996 voter registration, Sata said the party was just in the habit of rejecting things. "If they reject everything I don't know what they will accept. They are suffering from election fever and have tried all gimmicks to stop the elections but they have failed," he said.

Zambia: UNIP Detainees Committed to Lusaka High Court for Trial

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[FBIS Transcribed Excerpt] The eight UNIP [United National Independence Party] treason detainees have been committed to the Lusaka High Court for trial and their charge changed to treason and murder. Principal resident magistrate Francis Sokolo this morning

committed the eight, who include UNIP Vice President Chief Nyambo Yeta. The state says it has received instructions from the director of public prosecution, Mr. Gregory Phiri, to have the eight tried by the High Court on treason and murder charges.

One of the defense lawyers, Mr. Edward Chimwana, said that some of the alleged acts happened after the accused were in custody. He said he will raise such issues next month when the case comes in the High Court for trial. [passage omitted]

Meanwhile, the lawyers of the detainees are making efforts in the High Court to have their clients' case included in this year's High Court session which opened last week. If the eight are not included in this year's High Court session, it will mean that they will be in detention until the next session in mid-1997.

Cote d'Ivoire

Cote d'Ivoire: FPI Congress Ends; Secretary General Becomes Party Chairman

AB1507104596 Abidjan Radio Cote d'Ivoire Chaine Nationale-Une Network in French
0700 GMT 15 Jul 96

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] The second Ivorian Popular Front (FPI) ordinary congress, which opened in an atmosphere of popular festivity at the Treichville Sports Complex, in Abidjan on 11 July, ended at the same hall last night.

This FPI political event was marked by two major points — the final adoption of the laws that will henceforth govern the party, and the general policy for the next three years, as well as the appointment of a party chairman. This newly created post went to Laurent Gbagbo, who has been FPI secretary general since the party's formation. Mr. Gbagbo appointed Abou Drahamane Sangare as the new party secretary general and spokesman. In his closing address, Mr. Gbagbo said he is not opposed to the existence of thought groups within the party. [passage omitted]

Another significant point noted at the second FPI congress was the appointment of Professor Harris Fote Memel as chairman of the supervisory committee, a post which had hitherto been occupied by Mr. Don Mello Ahoua. [passage omitted]

Cote d'Ivoire: Senegalese Minister Delivers President's Message to Bedie

AB1507213996 Abidjan La Chaine Une Television Network in French 1300 GMT 15 Jul 96

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] The head of state, Henry Konan Bedie, granted audience this morning at his Cocody residence to Mr. Abdoulaye Wade who brought a message from Senegal's President Abdou Diouf. Here is a report by Felicien Koffi:

[Begin recording] [Koffi] The audience was attended by Laurent Dona Fologo, minister of state for national solidarity; Professor Falidou Diallo, special adviser at the Presidency of the Republic of Senegal, and His Excellency Mr. Ousmane Camara, the ambassador of Senegal to Cote d'Ivoire. For nearly one hour, President Bedie and the Senegalese minister of state reviewed cooperation relations linking Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal and the necessary peace and unity that must reign in the West African subregion.

[Wade] All I can say is that, after reaffirming the fraternal relations between our two leaders, our two people and countries, we briefly reviewed certain aspects of these relations as I was directed by President Diouf. In

the message I conveyed, President Diouf reaffirmed his and President Bedie's attachment to African unity, co-operation, strengthening of relations, and above all, to peace in our subregion and Africa in general.

Aside this, I think, the two leaders also reviewed some of the problems that came up for discussion at the OAU summit and how they can effectively contribute to revolve them because the two leaders have regular contacts whenever necessary to adopt common viewpoints on outstanding issues. [passage omitted] [end recording]

Cote d'Ivoire: Police Seize Over 10 kg Cocaine, Arrest 9 Traffickers

AB1507200096 Abidjan IVOIR'SOIR in French
11 Jul 96 p 12

[Article by Inno Kouame — first paragraph is IVOIR'SOIR introduction]

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] The police narcotics squad based at Felix Houphouet-Boigny International Airport has just put an end to the activities of nine cocaine traffickers. They are: Nana Martin Mensah, Douglas Badu Agyemang, Isaac Mensah (who died in police custody), John Arkaah, Isaac Appiah Agyei, John Nelson, Prince Owusu, Kwabena Kyeremateng, and Jacob Boateng, all of whom are over 30 years-old and of Ghanaian nationality. The cocaine seized weighed a total of 10.950 kg.

On 29 June, Flight ME 665 of the Middle East Airlines from Brazil landed at the Abidjan airport at 0800 carrying nine Ghanaian passengers, who boarded the flight in Ecuador, Colombia, and Sao Paulo (Brazil). They were supposed to continue the rest of their journey by road to Accra.

At the police checkpoint, the narcotics agents became quite interested in these passengers since they are used to the behavior of drug traffickers who swallow balls of cocaine. [passage omitted] The police, therefore, arrested Nana Martin Mensah, Douglas Badu Agyemang, Isaac Mensah, John Arkaah, Isaac Appiah Agyei, John Nelson, Prince Owusu, Kwabena Kyeremateng, and Jacob Boateng and took them to the Treichville University Teaching Hospital for an X-ray of the stomach. This showed some foreign bodies in the form of balls, which in all likelihood were drugs. Interrogated on this discovery, the nine traffickers confessed that they had swallowed balls containing drugs. They were given a laxative on the police premises, and the nine traffickers finally expelled 493 balls weighing a total of 10.950 kg. The analysis of a sample confirmed that it was indeed cocaine. [passage omitted]

Isaac Mensah, who died in his cell on 5 July at 0745, could not be heard. He had on the previous day complained of a stomach ache. He was taken on the same day to the Clinique du Belvedere. An X-ray of his digestive tract did not show anything, and he was given medical treatment. According to his companions, Mensah had said right from the airport that he would rather die than go to prison. [passage omitted]

This seizure of 10.950 kg is the largest haul made by the narcotics agents working under Police Captain Kili Adam since the beginning of the year.

Ghana

Ghana: Ruling NDC Rejects Debate With Opposition NPP Leadership

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[FBIS Transcribed Text] The national secretariat of the NDC [National Democratic Congress] has reacted to calls on the president, Flight Lieutenant Rawlings, by the NPP [New Patriotic Party] flagbearer, Mr. J.A. Kufuor, for a debate. In a statement issued in Accra yesterday, the NDC said the nation needs viable alternative directions from the opposition parties to propel the democratic process and not what he called the flamboyance of elitism, and crippling intellectual gymnastics.

Liberia

Liberia: Humanitarian Situation in West Unchanged Despite Cease-Fire

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[From the "Focus on Africa" program]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] The cease-fire in Grand Cape Mount County in western Liberia between the two rival factions of ULIMO [United Liberation Movement for Democracy in Liberia], which came into force last week, is yet to make any impact on the grim humanitarian situation still facing thousands of civilians. All clinics in the county have closed down, there is no food or medicine, and several children are said to be dying everyday as our correspondent Jonathan Peyley reports in this telex from Monrovia.

The civilian administrator of Grand Cape Mount County, Superintendent Prince Kamara, appointed by Alhaji Koromah was visibly downhearted when he described the situation there to journalists in Monrovia. He said that six children are dying of starvation and

disease each day in the coastal city of Robert Port, where the population has been swelled by some 25,000 displaced Liberian and Sierra Leonean refugees. Superintendent Kamara said that 95 percent of the towns in Grand Cape Mount County had been destroyed by militia forces. He said that fighting and the worsening food crisis was causing people to flee towards Monrovia as well as into neighboring Sierra Leone.

A radio station in Monrovia estimates that between 7 and 8,000 arrived from Grand Cape Mount County in recent days. Sierra Leonean refugees attempting to return to their own country are reportedly screened by RUF [Revolutionary United Front] rebels at the Mano River Bridge before they are allowed to shelter in the border region. The main western highway from Monrovia, better known as Ibrahim Babangida Highway, is still close. Aid agencies say they will not venture down it until the cease-fire between the ULIMO factions is verified by UN military observers.

Niger

Niger: Statement Signed on Reintegration of Demobilized Troops

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in French 1200 GMT 15 Jul 96

[FBIS Translated Text] A statement on the conclusions of deliberations on the reintegration of demobilized troops was signed at the High Commission for the Restoration of Peace this morning. The ceremony marks the end of a month of deliberations. The government was represented by the high commissioner for the restoration of peace, Major (Lawal Seykou Kore). A communique was issued at the end of deliberations and is read by Amani Agadi, representative of the former rebel group.

[Begin Agadi recording] Following deliberations between representatives of the Government of the Republic of Niger and representatives of the resistance at the High Commission for the Restoration of Peace from 17 June to 15 July, the two sides determined the number of demobilized soldiers to be integrated into the public administration, the security and defense forces, state-owned companies, high schools, universities, and development projects.

In accordance with Articles 13, 17, and 21 of the peace agreement, the two sides, in collaboration with the Niger Armed Forces, recommended measures to check residual banditry in the northern zone to reinforce security, which is indispensable for the effective takeoff of socioeconomic activities. The next meeting will be held at the beginning of August and will determine the

terms for the encampment of demobilized soldiers and discuss integration and demobilization operations. [end recording]

Nigeri Army NCO Delegation Congratulates Mainassara on Victory

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[FBIS Translated Excerpt] The National Salvation Council chairman, General Ibrahim Bare Mainassara, this morning received in audience a delegation of non-commissioned officers and other ranks from the National Armed Forces [FAN] who went to congratulate him on his victory in the 7 and 8 July presidential elections. The audience took place in the presence notably of Lieutenant Colonel Amadou Moussa Gros, Chief of Defense Staff of the National Armed Forces. In a short speech on behalf of the non-commissioned officers and other ranks, Regimental Sergeant-Major Souley Dodo, had this to tell the head of state:

[Begin Dodo recording] My General, on behalf of the non-commissioned officers and other ranks of the FAN, allow me to transmit our great admiration on the occasion of your brilliant election as head of our country. Through you, General, we have found the right man for the work of nation building. The confidence that we renew in you, we would like to redouble it today and tomorrow. We would also like to redouble our vigilance and cohesion within our respective military corps.

General, we are aware of the difficulties that the country is going through, and that is why we, non-commissioned officers and other ranks from the FAN, reiterate our total readiness to serve it 24 hours a day instead of asking the country, already strangled, to serve us. Before ending, on behalf of all the non-commissioned officers and other ranks from the FAN, I would like to thank you for the many efforts you have already made to the Army in spite of your tight timetable. You are in a better position, General, to know the problems of our Army, and that is why I would like to recall these three words of the soldier: A man, a mission, and resources.

Thank you! [end recording]

Responding to the spokesman of the non-commissioned officers and other ranks, the head of state said he was touched by this gesture and more so because the non-

commissioned officers and other ranks constitute the framework of the Army. Here is General Mainassara:

[Begin Mainassara recording] After the congratulatory messages sent to us by the officers and men of the police and gendarmerie, it is now your turn to do so today. Well, I must say that I am very much touched by your gesture, more especially — we are in a better position to say so — because you constitute the framework of this Nigeri Army. [passage omitted]

As you remember, at the time I was going to take my leave of absence from the Army, I told you that we have decided to try this rather laudable and honorable adventure — that of running for the presidency. But that was my personal decision as citizen. If there has been any success, it could reflect on the Army's effort because there is an umbilical cord that ties me to the Army. But if there had been failure, I was prepared to assume the whole responsibility on the initiatives you took. What I would ask from you is to continue to serve your country with a lot of loyalty, patriotism, and more especially to respond to the anxiety expressed by some candidates to the presidency. [passage omitted] [end recording]

Nigeria

Nigeria: Government Reportedly Sets Condition for Releasing Abiola

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[FBIS Transcribed Text] Unconfirmed but reliable reports say the Federal Government is prepared to trade the detention of the president-elect, Bashorun Moshood Abiola, for the shutdown of this radio station which is the voice of the Nigerian people. This awkward condition was among several others said to have been made to the Alake [traditional ruler] of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipade, who had made repeated calls for the release of Bashorun Abiola. Abacha's sources have described the activities of Radio Democrat [International] Nigeria as a serious threat to national security and the so-called transition program. It is believed that if Abiola is released from detention, it could use this medium to form a parallel government abroad to fight the Nigerian military regime.

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